# 2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

Department of Agriculture 2006

3. Committee or Subcommittee 3b. GSA Committee No.

Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee 1286

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter Date Date

No 04/17/2003 04/17/2005 04/15/2005

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term

FiscalYear? Authority Date

Yes 10/01/2005

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Reg to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYearTerminate?Pending?TerminateNoEnacted

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment 13. Effective 14. Committee 14c.

Authority Date Type Presidential?

SEC. MEMO 1842/DR 1042-52 06/04/1974 Continuing No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of** No Reports for this

**Reports** FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

**Meetings and Dates** 

No Meetings

|  | Current FY N | lext FY |
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| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members                  | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members                      | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff                        | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants               | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members             | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members                 | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff                   | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants          | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |
| 18d. Total   | \$0.00       | \$0.00  |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

NA

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

NA

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

NA

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

NA

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

NA

#### 21. Remarks

This committee is inactive.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

William Coats DFO

### Narrative Description

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee (FCTAC) was a discretionary committee to assist the Secretary of Agriculture in providing inspection services in an equitable manner to all producers and promote an orderly marketing system for flue-cured tobacco. The FCTAC met on a regular basis to review and make recommendations on marketing regulations, opening and closing dates for auctions and receiving stations, assignment of tobacco inspectors, and annual selling schedules for flue-cured tobacco to be sold each year. The Secretary of Agriculture had the responsibility for providing mandatory tobacco inspection services at designated auction markets under the Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511-511q) and non-auction tobacco under the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2002 (Appropriations Act). Pursuant to the requirements of section 759 of the Appropriations Act, referenda were conducted among producers of each type of tobacco to determine

whether they favored mandatory grading of all tobacco by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). A majority of producers who voted in the referenda favored the mandatory grading and regulations were implemented May 24, 2002. With the adoption of mandatory grading of all tobacco, except cigar types, approximately 98 percent of tobacco marketed requires Federal grading for the 2002 and subsequent crop years. Without said inspection services, no tobacco could be sold. The FCTAC proved to be an effective instrument in assisting the USDA in the performance of its regulatory responsibilities in the marketing of flue-cured tobacco. The functions of the FCTAC were in the public interest and strengthened the program and aided the USDA in equitably administering tobacco inspection services.

# What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee? Checked if Applies Improvements to health or safety Trust in government Major policy changes Advance in scientific research Effective grant making Improved service delivery Increased customer satisfaction Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements Other **Outcome Comments** N/A What are the cost savings associated with this committee? Checked if Applies None Unable to Determine Under \$100,000 \$100,000 - \$500,000 \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 Over \$10,000,000 Cost Savings Other

#### **Cost Savings Comments**

| What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee   | <b>;</b> |
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| for the life of the committee?   |          |
| Number of Recommendations Comments N/A   |          |
| What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency? $0\%$                       |          |
| % of Recommendations $\underline{\text{Fully}}$ Implemented Comments $\text{N/A}$  |          |
| What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?  0%       |          |
| % of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Comments N/A   |          |
| Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?  Yes No Not Applicable |          |
| Agency Feedback Comments N/A   |          |
| What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?   |          |
| Checked if Applie  | es       |
| Reorganized Priorities   |          |
| Reallocated resources  |          |
| Issued new regulation  |          |
| Proposed legislation   |          |
| Approved grants or other payments  |          |
| Other  |          |

| N/A  |                              |
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| Is the Committee engaged in the review of application No | cations for grants?          |
| <b>Grant Review Comments</b><br>N/A                      |                              |
| How is access provided to the information for th         | e Committee's documentation? |
|  | Checked if Applies           |
| Contact DFO  |                              |
| Online Agency Web Site                                   |                              |
| Online Committee Web Site                                |                              |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site                                 |                              |
| Publications   |                              |
| Other  |                              |
| Access Comments  |                              |

This committee was terminated in FY2006.